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"Dear Sirs:

"In regards to your letter of March 24. I understand the reasons for the necessity of a personal interview at the Embassy, however, I wish to make it clear that I am asking not only for the right to return to the United States, but also for full guarantees that I shall not, under any circumstances, be persecuted for any act pertaining to this case. I made that clear from my first letter, although nothing has been said, even vaguely, concerning this in my correspondence with the Embassy. Unless you honestly think that this condition can be met, I see no reason for a continuance of our correspondence, instead I shall endeavor to use my relatives in the United States, to see about getting something done in Washington.

"As for coming to Moscow, this would have to be on my own initiative and I do not care to take the risk of getting into a awkward situation unless I think it worthwhile. Also, since my last letter I have gotten married.

"My wife is Russian, born in Leningrad, she has no parents living and is quite willing to leave the Soviet Union with me and live in the United States.

"I would not leave here without my wife so arrangements would have to be made for her to leave at the same time as I do.

"The marriage stamp was placed on my present passport, after some trouble with the authorities, so my status as far as the USSR is concerned, is the same as before, that is 'without citizenship.'

"So with this extra complication I suggest you do some checking up before advising me further.

"I believe I have spoken frankly in this letter. I hope you do the same in your next letter.

"Sincerely yours,

/s/ Lee Harvey Oswald"